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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

With regard to the German language publication ("HÜTTE" engineers' handbook), it is noted that this article was cited by the German Patent Examiner during examination of the applicants' priority application as disclosing the use of nickel-plated brass, which a review of the publication fails to substantiate. That is, only a special brass alloy containing 3% nickel appears to be among the materials described in this publication.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the

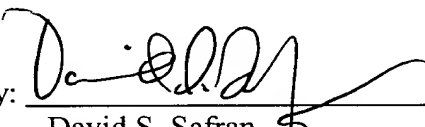
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attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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